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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

- A method for cleaning an exterior surface of a The use of
   a composition for the exterior cleaning of means of transport, said method
   comprising contacting said means of transport with a compound comprising:
  - a) at least one tertiary amine oxide of the formula R<sub>1</sub>R<sub>2</sub>R<sub>3</sub>NO, where
    - R<sub>1</sub> is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxypropyl or alkenylamidoalkyl group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms,
    - $R_2$  and  $R_3$  independently of one another are low molecular mass alkyl radicals or hydroxyethyl or hydroxypropyl radicals, and
  - b) at least one alkali metal salt of <u>an acid selected from the group consisting of a polyaspartic acid, a polyglutamic acid, or a mixture thereof, said acid having a molecular weight of from 5000 g/mol to 50 000 g/mol, or of polyglutamic acid, having a molecular weight of from 5000 g/mol to 50 000 g/mol, or a mixture of both substances, wherein a [[the]] weight ratio of the constituents a):b) [[being]] is between 10:1 and 3000:1.</u>
- 2.(Currently Amended) The <u>method of use of a composition as claimed in claim</u>
  1, wherein  $R_1$  is <u>selected from the group consisting of</u> an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxypropyl, [[or]] alkenylamido, and mixtures thereof wherein  $R_1$  has group having 10 to 16 carbon atoms.

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3.(Currently Amended) The method of use of a composition as claimed in claim 1 and/or 2, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of alkyl radicals of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, [[or]] hydroxyethyl radicals, [[or]] hydroxypropyl radicals, and mixtures thereof.

- 4.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 use of a composition as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein constituent b) has a the molecular weight of b) is from 7000 to 20 000 g/mol.
- 5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 use of a composition as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4, wherein the composition further comprises additionally a compound selected from the group consisting of defoamers, dyes, complexing agents, or antioxidants and mixtures thereofare present.
- 6.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the means of transport is

  an use of a composition as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5 for

  cleaning aircraft.
- 7.(New) The method of claim 1 wherein the means of transport is selected from the group consisting of an automobile, a truck, a train, a streetcar, and aircraft.